## **ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent**

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 89.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Excellent

Improvement Rating Excellent

2001 2002

2003

2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

# PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

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English/ Language Arts











## **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=151)	90.1	92.1	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=12)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=139)	92.8	92.8		
Gender				
Male (n=74)	86.5	89.2		
Female (n=75)	93.3	94.7		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=20)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=125)	92	92.8		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=76)	81.6	85.5		
Pay for lunch (n=73)	98.6	98.6		

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$6,354	N/A	\$5,073	\$5,347
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Down from 94.29	% 90.2%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.5 to 1	N/A	18.9 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=276)				
Attendance Rate	96.3%	Down from 97.29		96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	3.7%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	2.7%	3.1%
First graders who attended full day kindergarten	85.3%	Down from 93.99	96.1%	96.3%
Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	1.1%	Up from 0%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=20)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	9.2 Days	Up from 7.1	7.2 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	97.2%	Down from 98.19		95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	60%	Down from 61.9%	% 48.7%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	80%	Down from 81%	82.9%	83.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.1%	Down from 94%	87.7%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$39,601	Up 6.7%	\$37,931	\$37,520

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
0	ur School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	59.5%	N/A	65.3%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	2	N/A	4	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	99%	N/A	96.8%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	40%	Up from 29.8%	42.2%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	1.1%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	0	N/A	1	1
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	17.1%	Down from 20%	14%	11.5%
<ul> <li>With disabilities other than speech</li> </ul>	8.6%	Down from 9.8%	9.2%	8.4%

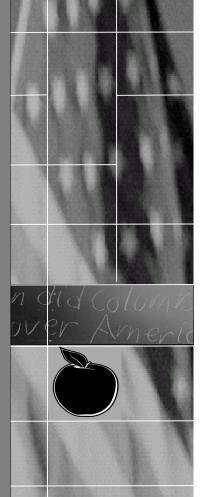
# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a year of growth and challenge for New Prospect Elementary School where students, parents, teachers, and community members learn and grow together. Team effort is the key to our success. Our student body and faculty achieved district, county, and statewide recognition. Fourth grade student, Katie Key, won the South Carolina Wildlife Young Writers' Competition. Fifth grader, Sarah Corn, won the Lieutenant Governor's Writing Award for District One. Six New Prospect students had poetry published in the Anthology of Poetry, Inc. Three students represented New Prospect at the Spartanburg County Science Fair. Beth Kennerly was one of five finalists for the South Carolina Media Specialist of the Year. Kindergarten teacher, Sherrill Sims, was selected Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year for Spartanburg County. Our technology specialist and fourth grade teacher, Brenda Linder, will teach a summer level technology course for teachers through Converse College. The South Carolina Exemplary Reading School Award Committee declared New Prospect Elementary an Honor School. Students at New

Prospect accumulated a total of 20,520 Accelerated Reader points. Classroom teachers implemented a standards based Terrific Six model for math instruction. The Principal's Advisory Council offered students opportunities for leadership. One hundred twelve "Terrific Kids" were recognized for demonstrating noble character. Eight fifth and sixth grade "Teachers for Tomorrow" provided tutoring service to first graders.

New Prospect Elementary faces new challenges in the future. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the school in 2002. Input from parents and community will be critical to the success of this process. A 16% increase in student population has necessitated the addition of a first grade classroom, two portables, and using the Science Lab as a classroom. New programs include K4 kindergarten, intervention services for English as a Second Language, and developmentally delayed students. To ensure a safe environment, cameras will be installed.

New Prospect Elementary continues in the tradition of "Prospecting for the Future" as we strive to prepare our students for a bright tomorrow. Cathy M. Bird, Principal



New Prospect Elementary 9251 Highway 9 Inman, SC 29348

**Grades** K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 276 Students

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>Annual School</b>	
Report Card	

2001

School Grade: Excellent

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	82.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	92.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	95.5	92.3	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

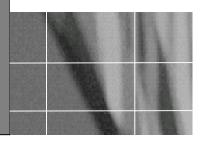
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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